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Put Olympic back!



Tommy does it again

Tommy Cumming of Essendon Croatia signals "V" for his second successive victory in the Victorian Rothmans Medal count. He also won the 1978 and 1979 Press award, the Bill Fleming Medal. Cumming will tour China with the national team next year. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

PSL WANTS 15 — TEAM LEAGUE

The Philips League wants Sydney Olympic readmitted. Its members are willing to share the cost of Olympic's air fares in a 15-team league.

Olympic was voted out and replaced by NSW State League club Blacktown City at an Australian Soccer Federation executive meeting in Sydney last Saturday.

Under the rules of the competition, Olympic and South Melbourne had to apply for readmission because they finished in the last two positions.

South Melbourne was readmitted because it was considered more suitable than the other Victorian applicant, Preston Macedonia.

Blacktown, was preferred to Olympic and the much talked about Wollongong team.



John Constantine

The Philips League, which started its annual general meeting in Sydney while the ASF was making its deliberations, was incensed by the decision.

The clubs threatened not to accept the ASF decision. This brought a counter-threat that the clubs would be banned from the international federation, FIFA.

The clubs then agreed among themselves to share the cost of Olympic's air fares so that Olympic could be readmitted to make up a 15-team league.

This was put to the ASF executive late in the afternoon and quickly rejected.

However, Olympic's president John Constantine said this week he hoped the proposal would be considered again the next time the ASF meets, in about four weeks' time.

"There's still hope that sanity will prevail," he said.

"The decision, as it stands, is one of utter insanity. There is no way it can be justified.

"The three-man committee that investigated the suitability of the PSL applicants, said Olympic met all the criteria, that Wollongong needed a bit more work in the areas of ground and finance and

that Blacktown would not be ready until 1981.

"Yet the ASF went ahead with a decision that will virtually kill my club unless the decision is reversed or the league is increased in numbers to facilitate our return.

"We've promoted young players, we've got guaranteed use of Pratten Park, we've got our own licensed club and we've spent \$750,000 over three years.

"If we are not in the PSL, our crowds will drop and we will not be able to meet our contractual obligations to our players. Neither will we be able to meet the costs involved in using Pratten Park."

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The Philips League may not survive in the long term if it is not granted the power to run its own affairs and decide its own destiny, PSL chairman Mr. Sam Papasavas (pictured) said this week.

"People outside the league are making decisions that are harming the league, and we can't do anything about it because we have no voice on the ASF," Mr. Papasavas said.

"I feel sorry for Sydney Olympic. Their departure

Papasavas: system may kill our league

is a bitter blow to the league.

"Olympic commands crowd support and in the final analysis, the league will stand or fall on the size of its attendances.

"By accepting a club which has minimal support, the league is doing itself harm."

Blacktown has own ground, social club

Blacktown City, the new Philips League Club, had budgeted to spend \$250,000 next year.

The club owns its own ground, Gabbie Stadium, on eight acres at Seven Hills.

It plans to build a grandstand soon.

Blacktown has a successful licensed club adjacent to its ground. The club has 1500 members and turns over about \$500,000 a year.

Development approval has been given for a two-storey extension which should double the club's membership.

Work on increasing the size of the car park has already begun.

Blacktown City is the new name of the Toongabbie club, formed 27 years ago. The club changed its name when Blacktown was proclaimed Australia's newest city this year.

Blacktown is about 40 km from Sydney, in the outer western suburbs between Parramatta and Penrith.

The Sytko Division of the Bradmill group, manufacturer of King G and Yakka garments, sponsored Blacktown City with \$6000 cash this year.

Club president Howard Bradley, 36, who owns an air conditioning company, said he hoped that Bradmill's sponsorship would increase next season.

Full-time secretary-manager of the soccer and



Dave Harding

social clubs is Peter Thorne, 38.

Mick Jones, ex-Sydney City, Sydney Olympic and Kuringgai, is Blacktown's full-time coach.

Blacktown has had a spectacularly successful six-year run during which it was promoted through the ranks every season. It finished third in the State League this year.

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"We were surprised when we were elected to the league, because Wollongong was considered the favorite," Mr Bradley said.

"However, we're delighted to have been accepted and we'll work hard to be successful.

"We'll have to strengthen the team, and we'll have to do so by signing

local players. We already have the maximum of three on temporary visas.

"I think we'll get co-operation from neighboring clubs Parramatta, Granville and Polonia with whom we've always had a good relationship."

Blacktown fields under 14, 15 and 16 Federation teams and sponsors the Toongabbie and Seven Hills junior networks.

The senior team was strengthened early this year by the acquisition of young striker Alan Fisher and Socceroo midfielder Dave Harding from Western Suburbs.

The usual senior team is:

Goalkeeper: Bruce James, local player.

Defence: Neil Taylor, local who was sent to Manchester United for special training; Laurie Parkhouse, ex-Prague; Cliff Pointer, ex-Manly; Eduardo Pena, former Chilean youth international.

Midfield: Dave Harding, ex-Sydney Olympic and Western Suburbs, capped 20 times for Australia; Gary Thompson, local; Ricky Hormazabal, from Chile.

Forwards: Alan Fisher, ex-Western Suburbs; Jim Izatt, ex-Olympic and Sydney City; Neil Pearson, local.

Substitute: Barry Campbell, ex-Western Suburbs who played six senior First Division games for Liverpool in England — LAURIE SCHWAB.

'Anti-ethnic'—Vrzina

The decision to replace Sydney Olympic in the PSL is a decision against ethnic clubs, according to Tony Vrzina, manager — coach of Preston Macedonia, the Victorian club whose application for PSL membership was rejected.

"The ethnic clubs must organise themselves now to halt the backward slide of the game," Mr. Vrzina (pictured) said.

"If the campaign against ethnic clubs continues, soccer as a big time sport will be doomed.



"The Philips League will go from bad to worse and it will be pointless for any club to apply for membership."

Wollongong protests

The State member for Corral, Mr Laurie Kelly, has joined Wollongong soccer officials in lodging a strong protest with the ASF after Wollongong's exclusion from the Philips League.

Mr Kelly said he had telephoned ASF president Sir Arthur George to express a strong protest against the decision.

He said he was shocked and was sure the people of Wollongong would greatly resent the decision.

Mr Kelly wants to motivate soccer followers in Wollongong to band together in an appeal to the ASF.

Wollongong's application was turned down in favour of Blacktown City and

the decision has brought a storm of protest from the south coast.

Wollongong committee spokesman Jim McCormack said he was still having trouble believing Wollongong has missed out.

"The ASF has ignored Wollongong at a time when the City has more to offer the league than anyone else," he said.

"We had a \$20,000 national sponsorship, \$40,000 in personal guarantees from the committee, a ground and the full backing of the media and people of the city.

"I find it hard to believe the Philips Company will stand by and allow this to happen."

He said he was certain Wollongong would have proved a better financial proposition than Blacktown to the ASF.

"We would draw far more supporters here than Blacktown could hope to as they are just a stone's throw from Marconi's ground," he said.

No to Croatia

Sydney Croatia and Wollongong were rejected in the voting before the ASF executive decided to replace Olympic with Blacktown at its meeting on Saturday.

Unofficial reports about the voting said Croatia was rejected 8 votes to 3, and Wollongong 6-5. Olympic was ousted 11-0 and Blacktown accepted 11-0.



The gentlemen of Juventus, from left: Rocco DiZio (secretary), Tony Boggi (coach), Jack Reilly and Bobby McGuinness.

Westley back to Ipswich

Talented Prahman Slavia centre half Glenn Westley will try to break back into professional soccer when he returns to England at Christmas.

Westley, who has just turned 22, will go to his old club Ipswich Town when he returns.

Westley spent a year with Ipswich as a full-time pro and still knows manager Bobby Robson and several players, including Kevin Beattie, Allan Hunter and Paul Mariner.

"Being a professional footballer is the best life I could have," said Glenn, "and I'd like to get back into the game in England."

"Every player in professional football has ability but in a lot of cases, it's a matter of getting the breaks. Some players can go for a trial and play above themselves,

while others can't perform if they know they are being watched.

"I'm still young enough to have another go, although I'm not expecting anything at this stage."

Westley is probably better prepared for professional soccer now after his stint in Australia. He was 18 when he first came here and admits he lacked confidence.

"This season I changed my attitude. A lot of it was due to John Yzendoorn, because he gave me a lot of encouragement and advice."

"I became more disciplined and trained a lot harder. My fitness is better, and my preparation to the game has improved."

"Earlier on, my attitude suffered and I used to go out the night before a game. Then, there was the time we had a player strike at Slavia and I put on 1½ stone during the lay-off."

Westley, who had an offer to join George Cross early this season, knows that to make a decent living from soccer in England, it must be in the First Division.

Westley polled well in the Rothmans Medal, gaining 14 votes to top the Slavia list. If he doesn't make it in England, he may return to Australia and continue his career.

He has some interesting things to say about the importation of players from Britain, which will be restricted by the ASF from now on.

"When I wanted to come to Australia, I just phoned up this agent," said Glenn. "He asked me my height, weight and the position I played but never actually watched me play."

"Because of the system, there were too many bad players coming out."

McGuinness the coaches' choice

Juventus forward Bobby McGuinness is the coaches' pick as the Victorian State League player of the year.

McGuinness polled 15 votes from coaches, two more than Tommy Cumming of Essendon Croatia who won the 1978 Bill Fleming and Rothmans Gold Medals.

"Soccer Action" took votes from coaches from the 12 State League clubs at the Rothmans Medal presentation. They were told to consider all players, regardless of whether they were sent off or not, with the criteria being outstanding performance.

Two coaches weren't present at the Rothmans Medal presentation. Slavia's Harry Chalkitis was interstate, so his votes were cast by Slavia's assistant coach Colin Hasler.

George Cross coach Billy Wilkinson was unable to attend, so George Cross players Jim Papas, Norm Maitland and Tony Castiello formed a 'panel' to award votes.

Here are the votes of each coach —

Bill McArthur (Albion) 3. McGuinness (Juve) 2. Short (Croatia) 1. Hird (Altona).

John Payne (Altona), 3. Cullen (Preston) 2. Cumming (Croatia) 1. van der Poel (Altona).

Norm Hobson (Croydon) 3. McGuinness (Juve) 2. Pongho (Croydon) 1. Cumming (Croatia).

Duje Zemunik (Croatia) 3. Cumming (Croatia) 2. T. Young (Franka) 1. McGuinness (Juve).

Fred Bunce (Frankston) 3. T. Young (Franka) 2. Cumming (Croatia) 1. McGuinness (Juve).

Bill Vojtek (Ajax) 3. Lesbirel (Preston) 2. Murphy (Croatia) 1. Denys (Ajax).

Geo Cross panel 3. Tront (Croydon) 2. Cullen (Preston) 1. McMillan (Preston).

Colin Hasler (Slavia) 3. McGuinness (Juve) 2. T. Young (Franka) 1. Williams (Slavia).

Tony Vrzina (Preston) 3. Cullen (Preston) 2. Cumming (Croatia) 1. T. Young (Franka).

Terry Walker (Sunshine) 3. McGuinness (Juve) 2. Short (Croatia) 1. Aldridge (Slavia).

Bill Alton (Hakoah) 3. Dosen (Hakoah) 2. Gilder (Croatia) 1. Ward (Preston).

Tony Boggi (Juventus) 3. Cumming (Croatia) 2. McGuinness (Juve) 1. Murphy (Croatia).

Final standings

16 McGuinness (Juve).

13 Cumming (Croatia)

8 T. Young (Frankston), Cullen (Makedonia)

4 Short (Croatia)

3 Lesbirel (Makedonia), Murphy (Croatia), Tront (Croydon), Dosen (Hakoah).

2 Pongho (Croydon), Ward (Makedonia) Gilder (Croatia).

1 McMillan (Makedonia), Aldridge (Slavia), Williams (Slavia), Denys (Ajax), van der Poel (Altona) Hird (Altona).

BOBBY HELD BACK BY HIS BIG MOUTH

In the three major best and fairest awards for Victorian State League players, Bobby McGuinness twice finished second and once third.

McGuinness was runner-up in the Rothmans Gold Medal and the 'Soccer Action' player of the year award, and was third in the Bill Fleming Medal.

But there's no way McGuinness is going to be satisfied by his great efforts this season. He's looking forward to improving on that record next year.

"This was my first season in the Victorian league and I was pretty happy with the way things went," said Bobby. "But now I've set a standard for myself and I've got to do better next season."

At the start of the year I was a new face in the State League. Now people know what I can do, so the pressure is on me to perform just as well next year.

"But I can do better, that's for sure. I'm confident and 1979 will be better for me than 1978."

McGuinness polled 21 votes to finish second to Tommy Cumming. McGuinness earned six 3s and three 1s.

However, there's one major stumbling block in his path to Rothmans Medal glory.

"I've got a big mouth," he admitted, "and referees just don't tolerate players with big mouths."

"It's just the way I am. If somebody kicks me and gets away with it, I let the referee know what I think. It's just part of my character to be vocal on the field."

"There's no way I'll smile at a referee just to get in his good books."

McGuinness incurred the maximum 12 penalty points this season, and missed one match through suspension. He was booked in three other games.

"That's four games in which I wouldn't have got a vote," said Bobby. "Maybe I would have polled a few more votes had I behaved."

McGuinness has proved himself to be a player of class, but he fears his chances of ever returning to the Philips League were ruined by his brief stay with South Melbourne.

"There were too many problems at South Melbourne while I was there," he said. "Many of the players didn't like each other and it made it hard for me to settle in. Because of that, people probably say, 'McGuinness can't play in the PSL because he was no good with South Melbourne.'"

"But I'd like to get back into the Philips League, because it's the top competition in Australia."

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All the votes

* denotes player ineligible for award

32. T. Cumming (Essendon) 4 R. Cullen (Preston).

21. R. McGuinness (Juventus) 19. V. Bannan (Frankston).

16. J. Tront (Croydon).

15. C. Gilder (Essendon) L. Denys (Green Gully).

14. R. Gramsbergen (Altona), N. Mitten (Frankston), G. Westley (Slavia).

13. H. Hird (Altona), D. Baker (Hakoah), D. Smith (Croydon).

12. S. Blair (Albion), N. Maitland (George Cross), E. Lisdal (Preston), S. Ellis (Sunshine).

11. W. Whyte (Altona), * T. Young (Frankston), J. Train (Slavia), J. Williams (Slavia), G. Ward (Preston), * K. Coyle (Sunshine).

10. A. Pongho (Croydon), I. McCarthy (Green Gully).

9. M. D'Sylva (Albion), J. Bernard (George Cross), J. Cain (Green Gully), C. Smith (Juventus), M. Rainey (Preston), D. Nelson (Sunshine), S. Topolinski (Hakoah).

8. G. Walters (Altona), * S. McCombe (Croydon), P. Clarke (Sunshine), D. Rigby (Hakoah).

7. T. Cowan (George Cross), B. Vojtek (Green Gully), * C. Lucchese (Juventus).

6. * J. Little (Altona), S. Cannell (Altona), * S. Short (Essendon), B. Cullen (Essendon), K. Adams (Essendon), P. Della Rocca (Juventus), P. Vaughan (Juventus), S. Aldridge (Slavia), S. Beech (Preston), A. Dosen (Hakoah).

5. * B. McCormick (Albion), B. Johnson (Albion), K. Groschan (Albion), P. Lewis (Altona), R. Hamilton (Croydon), P. Loughanne (Croydon), D. Brogan (Croydon), K. Murphy (Essendon), J. Gardiner (Essendon), K. Webster (Frankston), K. Swincoe (Frankston), L. Papas (George Cross), A. Vassallo (Green Gully), J. Reilly (Juventus).

F. Targuino (Juventus), L. Petrucci (Preston), E. Musala (Sunshine), J. McRobert (Sunshine), N. Lowe (Sunshine), M. Loh (Hakoah).

4. H. Nisbet (Albion), G. Train (Altona), H. Van der Poel (Croydon), T. Murphy (Croydon), G. Hooper (George Cross), D. Purkin (Green Gully), M. Klein (Green Gully), P. Donaldson (Green Gully), T. Heery (Juventus), W. Laing (Sunshine).

3. G. Hobson (Croydon), G. Smart (Essendon), G. Bannan (Frankston), E. Bannan (Frankston), D. McCuskey (Frankston), W. Wilkinson (George Cross), T. Castiello (George Cross), D. Morgan (George Cross), S. Sabadini (Juventus), A. McPherson (Slavia), J. Paton (Slavia), B. Monaghan (Slavia), J. Cullen (Slavia), S. Gossley (Hakoah), G. Blair (Hakoah), L. Gibson (Hakoah), L. Owen (Hakoah), S. Felgenbaum (Hakoah).

2. H. Stewart (Albion), G. Reilly (Albion), B. McIntyre (Altona), K. Kelly (Altona), J. Spink (Croydon), B. George (George Cross), L. Thomson (Green Gully), S. Lawson (Slavia), W. Brindle (Slavia), G. French (Hakoah).

1. * B. McIntyre (Albion), P. Hyne (Albion), T. Gent (Albion), P. Lowrey (Croydon), G. House (Croydon), S. Kokosa (Essendon), A. Parrott (Frankston), B. Thom (George Cross), P. Cutler (George Cross), J. Paton (Green Gully), * S. Carr (Green Gully), M. Murtic (Green Gully), B. Sabidussi (Juventus), * J. Yzendoorn (Slavia), D. Ward (Slavia), G. McMillan (Preston), * G. Flavell (Preston), D. Garthwaite (Preston), G. Higham (Preston), L. Kestner (Preston), S. Gilmour (Sunshine), J. Edmondson (Hakoah).



Clowning around at the Slavia table, from left: assistant coach Colin Hasler, Glenn Westley, Jim Williams and former Slavia player Carl Gilder, now with Croatia.



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Four great young players with the world at their feet, from left: Steve Blair (Albion Rovers), Mick Loh (Hakoah), Mike D'Sylva (Albion Rovers) and Alan Davidson (South Melbourne).



Makedonia's Mike Rainey does a Groucho Marx impression. John Cain of Ajax likes it. Pictures on these pages by LES SHORROCK and STEVE CHATZIS.



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OLYMPIC TO FOLD UP?

• From page one

"Our only choice would be to let our best players go, and that would amount to sealing our tomb," Mr Constantine said.

"It is an utterly hopeless position. Olympic may not exist at all next year."

"Saturday was surely a black day for Australian soccer."

Mr Constantine pointed out that Olympic had good crowd support interstate and that the biggest crowd that turned up in Newcastle this year was at KB's game against Olympic.

"Our highest attendance at home this year was 8500,"

draw. Had we been more successful in the league, we may have drawn crowds of up to 12,000," Mr Constantine said.

Mr Constantine denied rumors about a possible amalgamation between Olympic and Sydney City.

"It was only newspaper talk," he said. "I can't see any possible amalgamation. It is not feasible."

If Olympic does continue as a club next year, it probably will play in the NSW State League.

The League has said it will accept Olympic as Blackburn's replacement.

WINNER CUMMING PRAISES MCKENDRY

Tommy Cumming paid tribute to Victoria State coach Len McKendry as he accepted the 1979 Rothmans Medal from the Governor General, Sir Zelman Cowen at the Southern Cross Hotel.

McKendry masterminded Victoria's victories against Partizan Belgrade, AEK Athens and South Australia this year.

Cumming and four other Essendon Croatia players — John Gardiner, Steve Kokoska, Carl Gilder and Steve Short — are in McKendry's team.

"Len taught me to play first-time balls and to support other players," Cumming said.

"He believes passionately in what he coaches and he has the players believing it too."

"He's got us revved up for the game against the New York Cosmos on October 21. We'll be well-organised and the Cosmos won't find it easy."

"Len has taught us to play the possession game as well as any team, including the Cosmos. We'll go out there to win."

Cumming won the medal with 32 votes. Rob Cullen of Makedonia also got 32 votes and would have won on a count-back had he not been declared ineligible due to a send-off during the season Cullen was not at the dinner.

Although Cumming, 23, will tour China with the Socceros next month, he still is trying to get citizenship status.

"I am still on a temporary residence visa but I hope that by doing well in the national team I'll be accepted as a citizen," he said.

"I can only do it through soccer, because I haven't got a trade."

Cumming was a laborer until he became unemployed two months ago.

"There's been no point trying to get a job because I'd have to quit again for the tour of China," he said.

Cumming came to Australia from Scotland in 1976 to join State League club Sunshine City where he spent two seasons before transferring to Croatia in early 1978.

He became a Victorian representative in 1977 when he came on as a substitute for Steve Beech in the 2-1 victory against South Australia at Olympic Park.

He has played seven more State games since then — against Middlesbrough (0-4), Dundee (2-1), Wisla Krakow



ABOVE: All winners of the Rothmans Medal — from left — Jim Tansey (Slavia, now Heidelberg), Pat Bannon (Heidelberg), Tommy Cumming (Croatia), David Baker (Hakoah), John Gardiner (George Cross, now Croatia) and Vince Bannon (Heidelberg, now Frankston). LEFT: Members of the Victorian State team, from left — Jim Tansey, Len McKendry (coach), Jimmy Rooney (Heidelberg), John Zandvoort (Heidelberg), Joe Tront (Croydon), John Gardiner, Yanko Benovic (Heidelberg), Gary Cole (Heidelberg) and Tommy Cumming.



(0-1), South Australia (2-0), Norwich City (2-4), Partizan Belgrade (1-0) and AEK Athens (4-0).

He scored one of the goals against South Australia directly from a corner.

Cumming made his debut for Australia in the 1-1 draw with Partizan in Newcastle

this year. Gary Cole scored for Australia from the penalty spot after Cumming had been fouled.

Cumming said he would not have been the player he is today and he not come to Australia.

"I've improved 100 per cent since coming here. It was all kick and rush in the Scottish

junior league in which I was playing. The soccer is much better here," he said.

Having praised Len McKendry, Cumming also paid tribute to his Croatia team mate John Gardiner, who returned mid-season after a dispute with the club. "Gardiner's influence has been tremendous," Cumming said.

Hungary's off

The Australian Soccer Federation has turned down a proposed tour by the Hungarian national team.

The ASF felt it would be uneconomical to have Hungary and Czechoslovakia touring at virtually the same time.

Czechoslovakia will tour in late January.

An English FA selection will visit in June to play against Australia at the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Proposed tour by Scotland and Northern Ireland have both fallen through but there is a slight possibility that Yugoslavia will visit in June.

Meanwhile, a match in Adelaide has replaced the New York Cosmos' proposed Newcastle game.

The Cosmos will meet Adelaide City on Sunday, October 28.

Vardar returns in November

Yugoslav First Division club Vardar Skopje will start a three-week tour of Australia in late November this year.

Vardar, which visited late last year, will play in Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Wollongong and perhaps Newcastle.

There will be two games in Melbourne, the first against Stoaime League club Preston Makedonia at B. T. Connor Reserve on Wednesday, December 5, kick off 6 pm.

The other Melbourne game may be against the Victorian State League club Preston ber 9 at Olympic Park.

It's believed the Victorian team is not too keen to play the game after such a long, hard season.

Details of other games are yet to be decided but it's only a matter of arranging venues and teams as the Australian Soccer Federation has already given approval for the tour.

Vardar will use the 21-day tour as serious competition to keep its players in peak condition. Vardar is involved in First Division games until November, when the competition

goes into recess due to the severe winter climate.

The Yugoslav First Division recommences in April.

The tour is being sponsored by finance group Stopanska Banka Ltd. The cost is expected to be about \$100,000.

The 1978 Vardar tour was organised by Adriatic Travel in conjunction with Macedonian-backed clubs throughout Australia.

Results of the 1978 Vardar tour were: 3-3 v. Preston Makedonia, 3-4 v. South Melbourne/Footscray combined XI, 5-1 v. Australian youth team, 5-0 v. Marconi and 3-0 v. Wollongong Macedonia.

Vardar was promoted to the First Division this year and is now much stronger than when it last visited Australia.

Vardar recently thrashed Partizan Belgrade 5-1. Partizan toured early this year and had the following results: 0-1 Victoria, 1-1 v. Australia, 1-0 v. Australia, 3-0 v. South Australia.

Vardar is seventh in the Yugoslav First Division.

Pongho Croydon's best: Tront

Joe Tront, Croydon City's leading votegetter and fourth overall in the Rothmans count, is surprised by the number of votes he polled.

"I didn't have that good a season," said Joe. "And I thought that of all the boys at Croydon, Alan Pongho would get the most votes. Alan has definitely been our most consistent player."

In fact Pongho managed only 10 votes, and finished behind Tront and Duncan Smith, who were the leading players from Croydon.

Finishing fourth in the Rothmans Medal caps off a great season for Tront the former Mooroolbark and Heidelberg-Alexander player. He also rose to comparative fame with his performances in the Victorian State team.

He has risen to stature since early in the season, when critics slammed State coach Len McKendry for including 'unknowns' like Tront in his State team.

"There was some pressure on Len early in the year," he said, "but the players weren't affected. Len told us he picked us because of ability and that was that."

"The criticism came from PSL clubs that thought their players should be in the State team. But it was made clear to the players that we were there to do a job, and that that as all that mattered."

Tront, like many other Victorian team players, has had his name linked with national league teams. However, he says he will take things as they come.

But no doubt he would like to play again in the top competition of the country.

"Playing for Victoria and playing in the State League is like cheese and chalk," said Joe. "I only wish we played

more international games, because it's great to be involved in top-class soccer."

"The Victorian team has done a lot for me. Even the training sessions are valuable. Len has opened my eyes to a lot of things involved with coaching."

And finally, to the local scene and Croydon City's chances of winning the State League Cup.

"We have a reasonably good chance," said Tront, "especially as we are the underdogs. Croydon seems to perform better when we aren't fancied because we try to prove everybody wrong."



Some disappointed faces at the Makedonia table after Rob Cullen had topped the poll, only to be declared ineligible. From left: Branko Trajanovski, John Branov, Tony Vrzina, David Garthwaite, Eric Lesbiral, Mike Rainey, Jim Bakatsoulas ("Athletic Echo"), Stephen Kahus (secretary, ASPA).

Chinaglia stars in Singapore

New York Cosmos, playing at half pace, scored a comfortable 4-1 win over Singapore on Sunday.

The North American champions took a commanding 3-1 lead at half time before a 30,000 crowd at the National Stadium.

Even at its leisurely pace, the star-studded Cosmos side produced glimpses of its dazzling soccer.

Italian star and captain Giorgio Chinaglia stole the limelight with his defence-splitting passes and explosive shots at goal.

He scored two of his

team's goals, one in each half while the other two went to midfielder Argentinian Antonio Carbognani who replaced West German Franz Bechenbauer mid-way through the first half.

Bechenbauer had been nursing a slight calf-injury before the game.

In earlier matches, the Cosmos lost 1-2 and 0-1 to South Korea and beat Indonesia 4-1. The Americans drew 1-1 with an Indonesian club side.

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Stars return: headaches for Hobson, Vrzina

Croydon City and Preston Makedonia, both winners in the first round of the State League Cup, will be boosted by the return of key players from suspension this week.

Duncan Smith, the dynamic captain of Croydon, has served a two-match ban, and is set to return to his team's midfield for the game against Essendon Croatia. Preston Makedonia has regained the services of George McMillan for the game against Frankston City, after the energetic striker missed last week's game through suspension.

And while both clubs are elated to see their stars back in action, both coaches — Norm Hobson of Croydon and Tony Vrzina of Makedonia — now have selection headaches.

By KYLE PATTERSON

Hobson must drop someone to make room for Smith. However, the way Croydon played last week there is no obvious choice for the relegation to the bench.

Hobson introduced young full back Mark Brown last week so that regular defender Jimmy Spink could move into midfield to replace Harry McKinnay. McKinnay had lasted only one game as Smith's replacement.

Brown did well in defence, and Spink had a fair game in midfield. Charlie Mitten is expected to return after an injury he received early in last week's game against Frankston, meaning the midfield is likely to be Smith, Murphy and Tront.

Hobson would then be left with the choice of using Brown or Spink at right back, with McKinnay being a

reserve. Whatever the choice of Hobson, some player is going to be unlucky to lose his place.

Preston's Tony Vrzina must make room for McMillan. Eric Lesbirel, the stand-in centre forward, will probably return to midfield. But then who makes way for Lesbirel?

It's likely Stuart Cunningham, Gordon Flavell or Jeff Faulkner will be omitted, but none of these players deserve to be dropped.

Vrzina has a second minor decision to make. Midfielder Ljube Petrovski moved to full back last week, and Vrzina can retain him in that position, or use Mike Rayner.

It's likely Rainey will have to miss another game. But which midfielder will be dropped? Or maybe Lesbirel or McKinnay will have to sit on the bench?

Hobson and Vrzina have headaches, but at least their teams are in the box seat to qualify for the final. After

first round victories, both can afford to draw games this week.

The losers face a much more difficult task. Both Essendon Croatia and Frankston City must win their next two games to reach the final.

Essendon Croatia may make some changes. Ned Batonic and Branko Culina are challenging Boris Paleka for a forward position.

Batonic was amazingly omitted from the Croatia team against Preston Makedonia. In the Dockerty Cup final he scored two goals, which took Croatia from the brink of defeat to victory.

STATE LEAGUE CUP Round 2 at Olympic Park No. 1, Sunday.
1.30 pm Preston Makedonia v Frankston City.
3.15 pm Essendon Croatia v Croydon City.

CUNNINGHAM STUNNING 'EM!

PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Cunningham 2, 69th, 71st) ESSENDON CROATIA 0 at Olympic Park No. 2. Crowd: 5,300 (double header).

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Kestner 7 — Petrovski 8, Garthwaite 7, Higham 7, Beech 8 — Flavell 6, Faulkner 6, Cunningham 7 — Cullen 8, Lesbirel 7, Ward 6.

ESSENDON CROATIA: Blasby 7 — Short 7, Adams 8, Kokoska 7, Blavier 6 — Murphy 6 — Gardiner 6, Andrews 6 — Paleka 6 (Batonic 74th), Glider 8, Cumming 7.



Match-winner Stuart Cunningham of Preston Makedonia (second left) challenges Essendon Croatia's Steve Short. Also pictured are John Gardiner (right) and Ken Murphy of Croatia. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

Stuart Cunningham has played only 123 minutes of senior soccer this season, but right now he is the hero of Preston Makedonia's legion of fans.

Playing only his first full game for Preston Makedonia, the club he joined in June this year, Cunningham won this crucial game for Preston with two superb goals.

He turned this ordinary game, which looked certain to finish a draw, in Preston's favor with two long-range goals which were as unexpected as they were decisive.

Cunningham, who played for several seasons in the Scottish Second Division, waved a magic wand over the game in the 69th minute.

Preston was awarded a free kick about 25 metres from goal after referee Dennis Voutinas penalised Essendon Croatia's Howard Andrews for handball.

Cunningham took the kick and smashed a powerful shot into the top right-hand corner of the net past a bewildered Peter Blasby.

Two minutes later, he put Makedonia further in front. A ball was forced into the middle from the right, and there didn't look to be too much danger for the Essendon defence.

However, Cunningham was on hand to chest down the ball and let fly a dipping volley which caught Blasby off his line and entered the net.

The game was very even for the most part. The teams didn't play good soccer, and tussled with each other enough to barely keep the game alive.

That all changed when Preston roared to a 2-0 lead. The tempo quickened, and the teams became more desperate.

Makedonia pulled Gordon Flavell back into defence to preserve the lead, and this tactic succeeded.

Croatia had only one clear cut chance in the last 10 minutes. That came when the hard-working Carl Glider made an opening for John Gardiner, but Lou Kastner saved his close range shot.

Tommy Cumming was a quiet player until the last third of the game. He started off in midfield, but had little to say in the running of the game.

When he did push forward up the flanks, Ljube Petrovski, and then Steve Beech subdued him for the most part.

Robert Cullen, Makedonia's lively forward, was out of the game in the first half, but got on top of Annie Blavier in the second half.

Gary Ward was quiet, and likewise Ken Murphy of Croatia failed to reproduce his excellent form of the Dockerty Cup final two Sundays ago. Croatia was on top in the first half after kicking first with a strong breeze behind it.

Kastner saved a Cunningham header after a Gardiner free kick, and soon after Steve Kokoska headed wide after a corner.

Croatia was unlucky after a well-worked free kick didn't bring greater result. Croatia has used this free kick many times in recent games, but till opponents are being caught.

The free kick usually works like this: A decoy player runs over the ball, and then Cunningham runs over the ball and continues on past the defensive wall. Gardiner then pushes the ball to Cunningham, who has drifted unmarked behind the wall.

Croatia was the key to the Croatia attacks, battling hard to win balls and lay them off. He gave two good passes to Paleka, but unfortunately he wasted the opportunities.

Makedonia's long ball game was stunted by the wind. Passes went off target or didn't reach their destiny, and generally the Croatia defence, led by sweeper Keith Adams, did a good job containing Preston.

Preston's best chance of the first half came when stand-in centre forward Eric Lesbirel nipped in between Adams and Blasby to turn the ball back for Ward.

Ward was eight metres from goal, but his shot was blocked and went for a corner.

Croatia answered when Cunningham robbed Faulkner near goal, and raced clear. However, Kastner raced off his line and forced Cunningham to knock the ball out. Appeals for a penalty were rejected.

A towering header by Kokoska from a Murphy corner allowed Paleka to flick the ball towards Kastner. Kastner was beaten, but Beech cleared off the line.

Makedonia started playing early balls for Cullen, which proved an effective means of attack. Croatia continued to play a possession game, but couldn't break down the Makedonia defence.

It wasn't until Cunningham came into the picture that Croatia made the Makedonia defence look vulnerable.

Makedonia had two good chances when a timely tackle by Short prevented Ward from scoring, and then only a last minute goal by Cunningham shot weakly from 15 metres.

Croatia should have scored when Short fed the ball to Cunningham, who passed to Andrews, who had made a run on the blind side of the defence. Despite being in great position, Andrews shot wide, much to his own disgust.

The match-deciding break came soon after, which makes Andrews' miss look even more costly.

— KYLE PATTERSON



Croydon full back Mark Brown (left) tussles with Frankston winger Bruce Young. Pictured by STEVE CHATZIS

Mitten leads fightback

CROYDON CITY 3 (Wyllie 4th, Tront 6th, Loughane 17th) FRANKSTON CITY 2 (Mitten pen 55th, McCluskey 76th) at Olympic Park No. 2. Crowd: 5,300 (double header).

CROYDON CITY: Edwards 7 — Brown 8, McCombe 8, Pangho 7, Hobson 6 — Spink 7, Murphy injured (McKinnay 5, 28th min), Tront 7 — Loughane 8, Brogan 6, Wyllie 7.

FRANKSTON CITY: Petersen 6 — V. Bannan 8, T. Young 8, Adams 7, Taylor 6 (Webster 66th min) — Tulloch 6, G. Bannan 7, McCluskey 5 — B. Young 6, Mitten 8, Swinscoe 5.

Referee: Jim Fearn 7
Cautions: nil

Brilliant Frankston City forward Noel Mitten almost brought about the downfall of Croydon City with some excellent play in the second half. Had it not been for Mitten, Croydon, which led comfortably by three goals at half time, would have cruised home.

But Mitten had some other ideas. He provided the creativeness which found openings in the Croydon defence, and was the key figure in Frankston's late comeback.

In the 55th minute Mitten earned a penalty when he shrugged off his mark Alan Pangho, turned and made his way into the penalty area after receiving a throw in.

Pangho was forced to make a challenge from behind, and Mitten stumbled to the turf. Referee Jim Fearn had no hesitation in awarding a penalty.

Appropriately, it was Mitten who slotted the spot kick past Mick Edwards, who nevertheless made a great attempt to save the kick.

In the 76th minute, Mitten made Frankston's second goal with a piece of brilliant forward play. Alex Tulloch hit a hard, low ball into the box, and the quick-thinking Mitten flicked it first time, deceiving the Croydon defenders.

Mitten's original intention was that he would turn and have a shot himself. As it was, Danny McCluskey pounced and slammed home the ball from 10 metres.

That goal signalled an all-out

effort from Frankston City. Again it was Mitten who turned the pressure into goal-scoring chances.

A great cut back by Mitten found Bruce Young 10 metres from goal in space, but he was unable to get a shot in as Steve Swinscoe moved in to make a desperate tackle which saved Croydon.

Mitten set up a great chance for Kevin Swinscoe after forcing the ball into the goalmouth from the right, but Swinscoe's volley was straight at Edwards.

Mitten was greatly disadvantaged with Swinscoe and Bannan, who were both in the goalmouth. After a reasonable start, Bruce Young was snuffed out by young full back Mark Brown, and Swinscoe was unable to get into the game.

Mitten's major helpers in attack were the Bannan brothers, Vince and Ged, who combine so well and are a real threat to any defence. Mitten was kicking itself for letting a 3-0 slip. The main problem was in midfield, where Frankston took over in the second half.

This department was depleted when acting captain Charlie Murphy was injured after a tackle from McCluskey, and had to leave the field after 26 minutes. Regular Duncan Smith was out suspended.

Still, Croydon should have sealed the match just after half time when it made some excellent scoring chances.

Had Croydon taken one of these chances to make the score 4-0, it's likely Frankston would have become demoralised and not staged a comeback.

Dave Brogan should have scored when Tony Young slipped in a greedy pass, and this exposed the whole defence. Brogan ran through with only Frank Petersen to beat, but his shot hit Petersen, who did well to smother the shot.

Soon after, a deep cross from Jim Wyllie found Peter Loughane on the far post. He rounded John Taylor and slipped the ball to McKinnay, who scooped his shot over the bar from close range.

And then when the score was 2-3, Croydon had the chance to relieve the pressure. A had crossfield pass by Tony Young was intercepted by Loughane, who tore goalwards with the defence caught square.

Loughane swerved past goalkeeper

Petersen, but his shot from 10 metres was cleared off the line by none other than Tony Young.

A pleasing feature of the game from Croydon's point of view was forward play of Peter Loughane, Jim Tront and Jim Wyllie in the first half.

These three inspired Croydon to a 3-0 lead by the interval. All were able to loose their opponents and find space to work in, and hit some telling passes.

The onslaught started after only four minutes. Wyllie picked up a ball on the left flank and cut into the cross, instead of passing, he shot from a difficult angle with a low drive.

The crisp shot caught Petersen, who was late going down to the near post ball and let it slip under his body.

Five minutes later, Murphy hit a good pass for Loughane on the inside of Taylor. Loughane fired a hard cross into the area, and popped up to volley the ball home.

Croydon, which was playing with a strong breeze in the first half, increased its lead when Alan Pangho hit a good ball to Murphy, who had worked his way in behind the Frankston defence. Murphy steered, then crossed for Loughane, who scored with a spectacular diving back-header.

The first half was definitely Croydon's, but the team was perhaps a little fortunate to survive the late burst by Frankston.

— KYLE PATTERSON

Feigenbaum a big hit

Israeli World Cup star Shaya Feigenbaum, who had a guest stint with Hakoah in Melbourne recently, has started well with his new club, Shimon Tel Aviv.

Feigenbaum scored twice with thundering shots in Shimon's 5-1 victory over Hapoel Haifa.

The headline in one of the soccer papers read: "FEIGEN BOOM BOOM".



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Knox was leading 1-0 at half time, but Hakoah stormed back with goals from Zervas, Lou, Petrou and Boukas.

The game was played at Box Hill's Wembley Park.

Springvale favorite

Springvale City (Vic) is in the box seat to win the Nubrik Cup, which is being played at Ross Reserve, Springvale.

After two rounds of the competition, Springvale has four points and superior goal difference from Doveton, which also has four points.

The two teams meet in the last round this Sunday. A draw or win will clinch the Cup for Springvale, while Doveton must win.

The other two teams in the competition are Box Hill and Nth. Dandenong, who are yet to win a match.

The results of the competition so far — Rd.1 Box Hill 2 Doveton 3, Springvale 4 Nth Dandenong 1 Rd. 2, Box Hill 0 Springvale 4, Doveton 5 Nth Dandenong 0.

Last weekend, Springvale City played host to South Australian State League club Cumberland United. Cumberland United beat Springvale 3-1 last Saturday, and in an Old Boys game, Springvale beat Cumberland 4-2.

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Robert Cullen (centre) pictured receiving his award at Olympic Park last Sunday. His prize a return trip for two, to New Zealand donated by General Tourist Service.

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Wacker 04 wants another tour game

Leading West Berlin club Wacker 04 wants to add another game in Victoria to its Australian tour in January.

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Wacker is willing to play either in Melbourne or in a country centre.

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The unbeaten Wacker team is pictured above: from left, standing: Steinhauser (masseur), Mielke, Schwarze, Wittwer, Leumann, Liedtke, Rueppel, Mueller, Pannowitz, Bastkow (coach). Front: Koebber (assistant coach), Goersdorf, Fischer, Dlogusch, Kosmowski, Stade, Mauritius, Kurzweg. Not pictured: Krueger, Fekkenheuer, Schultz, Racine, Lindner.

'BAD BOY' CAMPBELL KEY TO CITY'S CLIMB

By BRUCE WADDELL

There is little doubt that the mid-season acquisition of big, bustling Irish centre forward Bobby Campbell played a significant role in Brisbane City's feat in finishing in the Philips League top four.

Campbell did not join City until the 12th round and his debut was in the home match against South Melbourne, which City won 1-0.

The only City identities who knew anything of Campbell's background were coach Nereo Saffich and midfielder Frank Pimblett.

Saffich had Campbell earmarked for signing after watching him play for English Fourth Division club Huddersfield Town during a scouting mission at the end of 1977.

But it took Saffich a long time after that to get Campbell to Australia, chiefly due to the Irishman's wanderlust in other directions.

Huddersfield sold Campbell to Sheffield United and from there he switched to Canada, playing for Vancouver Whitecaps in the NASL, where he was the club's leading goalscorer.

He eventually returned to England and Halifax Town, and it was eventually from that club that Campbell made the trip to Australia, finally ending Saffich's concerted efforts.

Campbell originally came on loan from Halifax, but is now fully under contract to Brisbane City.

His association with Pimblett came before Huddersfield, when the pair played a number of first team matches for Aston Villa. Pimblett came straight from Villa to Brisbane, and has been playing with City in the PSL since its inception in 1977.

Campbell took a while to get into goalscoring stride, which naturally did not please the demanding supporters, who expect virtually overnight miracles from imported players.

City lost Campbell's second appearance match away to West Adelaide in highly controversial circumstances, but the next week downed Apia 2-1 in Sydney.

Then came the crunch match against Adelaide City at Perry Park, which in hindsight, could be regarded as the match which eventually enabled City to beat Rale Rasic's team into the top four.

Down 1-0 at halftime, City drew level with Campbell's first goal, a magnificent header which gave Peter Marshall no chance, before Kevin Caldwell added the winner.

Campbell did not score again in the following 1-0 away win over Sydney Olympic and the home 1-1 draw with Newcastle United, but on each occasion he made an enormous contribution to the attack.

Campbell added the vital third goal when City downed Heidelberg United 3-1 at home but in the next three matches, City supplied only one goal in three matches against

Canberra City (0-0), Brisbane Lions (0-0) and Sydney City (1-0).

But it was in the home match against Marconi that Campbell reached his peak, although strangely enough he had been named on the bench.

City was down 2-0 at halftime, Campbell took the field and the match changed complexion completely. Campbell drove City forward by example, picked up two great goals and just failed to make something out of nothing.

His most important contribution, along with Peter Sharpe and Mark Jankovics, was to help provide one of the finest PSL matches seen in Brisbane, as Marconi won 4-3.

Campbell next scored with a header which left Steve Potter groping in the 2-1 win at home against Footscray, although he should have added another to his tally the week before, but missed a penalty against St George.

The final match of course was the one City had to win to stay in the top four and it was again Campbell who set the pattern with yet another dynamic display against West Adelaide, when he was rewarded with the second goal in City's 2-0 win.

It brought Campbell's tally to six goals from 15 matches and provided City Supporters with a real personality.

Campbell came here with a reputation for being somewhat of a "bad boy" off the park, and there was one early story that he had been involved in a set-to in a Brisbane nightclub soon after his arrival.

But coach Saffich claims Campbell is no trouble to handle and he trains the same way as he plays - if you're in the way, watch out.

Campbell is in the mould of what could be termed the old-fashioned type of British centre forward, tough, uncompromising and gives nothing away. He certainly does not know when he's beaten, judging by his performances to date.

Similar to his previous history, Campbell's future in Australia is uncertain. He is engaged to a lass in England and is undecided about where he will be married.

Saffich undoubtedly is hoping he will tie the knot in Australia, so that the big fellow will not be lost to Brisbane City and the PSL.

Only 23, Campbell, born in Belfast, would be a key asset for many years to come. In the immediate future, his job is to serve City well and carry his form into the top four round-robin series.



Rugged Brisbane City striker Bobby Campbell (centre) beats Adelaide City's Robert Marve for a high ball. At right is Brisbane City's Kevin Coyne.

JOHNSTON A SOCCEROO?

Craig Johnston may become an Australian international in the game against the English FA eleven at the Sydney Cricket Ground on June 1 next year.

Soccer coach Rudi Gutendorf was impressed by Johnston when he saw him play for Middlesbrough against Arsenal in London recently.

"Johnston had an outstanding game," Gutendorf said on his return from Europe last week.

"He told me he would play for Australia if he is needed and the manager of Middlesbrough said Johnston could be released for the game against England next year."

Johnston, 19, born in Johannesburg but raised in Newcastle, NSW, flew to England four years ago after writing to Middlesbrough, asking for a trial.

He established himself as a

regular Middlesbrough player last year.

Johnston is qualified through residential or family connections to play for England, Scotland, Ireland, Australia or South Africa.

Last year he said his dream was to play for Scotland but now he appears set to grab the opportunity that Gutendorf has presented to him.

Once he commits himself, it will rule out his chances of playing for any other country.



Craig Johnston

PSL clubs chase NZ international



New Zealand's Duncan Cole (left) clears the ball in front of Australia's Tommy Hunter.

AUCKLAND, — A top NZ soccer player, Duncan Cole, 21, is being hunted by Australian clubs Canberra City and Marconi.

The Hanimex United midfielder, now on a world tour with John Adshead's NZ team, will have to make big decisions on his footballing future when he returns from the Middle East and Britain at the end of the month.

His twin offers from Australia are causing North Shore coach Don Jones, some worries.

"Cole assured me that if he stays in NZ he will play for only one club — Hanimex-North Shore," he said.

"Although I want to see him get on, I also want to keep him in my team," admitted Jones, who took the North Shore side to the Air New Zealand Cup, Chatham Cup and third place in the league this season.

Jones was named coach of the year and Cole was voted the young player of the year by

Branko Buljevic

Do or die on Sunday

Although the permutations are endless, it is reasonable to describe the Heidelberg v. Sydney City clash at Olympic Park on Sunday as a do-or-die affair for both clubs.

The loser could still make it to the final, but only under great strain and with the help of a lot of luck.

Heidelberg was to have met Brisbane City on Sunday but the fixtures have been reshuffled to avoid competition with the NSW grand final.

The remaining matches are: SUNDAY, Brisbane City v. Marconi, Perry Park; Heidelberg v. Sydney City.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19: Heidelberg v. Brisbane City, Olympic Park, 8 pm.

SUNDAY, OCT. 21: Marconi v. Sydney City, Perry Park.

According to Alex Vesic who reported on the Heidelberg v. Marconi game, Heidelberg dominated the middle of the game but Marconi was better at the start and the end.

Marconi achieved its victory partly because Peter Brogan marked Branko Buljevic out of the game and John Russell did likewise to Jamie Paton.

Gary Cole was Heidelberg's only effective striker, but his chances were limited as Heidelberg's midfield lost the initiative to Tony Henderson and his partners.

Bruce Waddell, who covered Brisbane City v. Sydney City in Brisbane, indicated that the Sydney City midfield was disappointing and that the defence was slack in failing to stop Bobby Campbell.

Big striker Terry Smith, who scored 10 goals in the first half of the season before being dropped, made a short comeback as a substitute. Perhaps he will play on Sunday.

Cultured centre back Eddie Thomson, who has recovered from injury, is also under consideration for a place in the team.

Sheer desperation will make this a memorable spectacle. Heidelberg looks the winner but only if its full backs succeed in shackling Sydney City's dangerous wingers, Joe Watson and Hilton Silva.

Brisbane City had been expected to deteriorate due to the absence of injured centre back George Potter but as it turns out, John Coyne is handling the position brilliantly.

Brisbane's defenders rarely move up to support attacks, so Marconi's strikers are in for an afternoon or torrid man-to-man confrontations.

They do, however, have the talent to win these battles and thus take the points.

Previous results of matches between Sunday's opponents:

Heidelberg v. Sydney City: 1977 — SC 3-1, 1-1; 1978 — SC 2-1, 1-1; 1979 — 2-2, H'berg 3-1.

Brisbane City v. Marconi: 1977 — Mar 1-0, 1-0, (Philips Cup Final, BC won on penalties); 1978 — Mar 3-0, 3-2; 1979 — Mar 4-3, 3-3.

LAURIE SCHWAB

Hagegmanouil for Aris?

Former South Melbourne Hellas left back Margaritis Hagegmanouil has been offered a contract with Greek First Division club Aris.

Ken Drakeford, who played for Hellas early this year, wants to return from England. Clubs interested can ring him in Wolverhampton on 85 2568.

New name for APIA

Lambert Park Rangers is the possible new name of APIA-Leichhardt.

The ASF has directed the club to change its name in accordance with the undertaking given by the club when joined



Bill Fleming Medal winner Tommy Cumming and other finalists in the voting were wine and dined by the Victorian branch of the Australian Soccer Press Association at the Vineyard Restaurant in St Kilda last week. Votes for the medal are cast by members of the ASPA. Tommy Cumming, who won the medal for the second year in a row is pictured, seated at left, with ASPA vice-president Laurie Schwab, editor of "Soccer Action." Behind them are finalists Bobby McGuinness (left) of

Sydney City crashes

Bruce Waddell

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BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 7, Perry 9, Coyne 8, Ratcliffe 9, Wilkinson 8, Pimblett 7, Caldwell 69th, Echeverria 7, Gaffney 7, Low 8, Campbell 8, Kelson 8.
SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Muller 7, Kershaw 7 (Thomson 67th), O'Connor 8, Souness 8, Stevenson 9, Barnes 6 (Smith 80th), Campbell 6, Weston 7, Trenter 6, Silva 6.

Big Bobby Campbell again proved to be one of the decisive factors when Brisbane City got away to a flying start in the Philips League Top Four with a convincing 2-0 win over Sydney City at Perry Park.

He rapped home the two goals for Brisbane and with his great ball-winning ability in the air and general committed attitude for 90 minutes, gave the Sydney City defence plenty of headaches.

The home team overcame the loss of injured sweeper George Potter, with another top effort from the versatile John Coyne, who with consistent stopper David Ratcliffe gave Mark Trenter little room to work.

Sydney City's usual enance from the wing play of Joe Watson and Hilton Silva was rarely (or thomasing against the dash and vigour and cover defending of fullbacks Steve Perry and Billy Wilkinson.

The Sydney side's midfield was grossly disappointing. Murray Barnes and Ernie Campbell will have to lift their work rate in the remaining matches to a level somewhere near that exhibited by the tireless John Stevenson.

City's Frank Pimblett, Roberto Echeverria and Larry Gaffney did not have outstanding matches, but they were allowed to do enough to hold control of the middle for the majority of the game.

It was Brisbane's venom up front which really counted. Campbell was well supported by Kelvin Low and Barry Kelso with the latter looking more like the player he can be, with several penetrative bursts down the left.

Brisbane City clearly took the honours in the first half, and as early as the 12th minute created the first of at least three clear cut goalscoring chances.

Pimblett supplied a long ball down the middle, Kelso shook off O'Connor and raced away, but his final shot bypassed the post by only a fraction.

Although he missed the chance, it seemingly was the turning point for Kelso in this game and lifted his confidence tremendously.

Shortly after Kelso's breakaway, Brisbane City again almost broke through when skipper Perry beat Sydney City's offside trap and burst

away at the right after a good Pimblett pass.
He crossed into the middle where several players tried to bang it home, and centre-half Kershaw nearly shoved the ball into his own net in his haste to clear, but was saved the despair by a timely Clarke reflex save.
Midway through the half, Campbell found Low on the left, who turned Muller inside out before switching across to Echeverria whose cross again went begging before Clarke returned the compliment to Campbell by clearing off the line.

Sydney City had only two chances which severely threatened Wishart's goal. The first when Coyne back-pedalled to head an O'Connor cross away for a corner.

Not long after, Wishart found himself stranded when he punched away a Kershaw free kick, but recovered just in time to brilliantly pounce on a snap shot from Silva.

Almost on halme, Campbell took a pass from Pimblett, walked through the tackles of two defenders but blasted wide of the far post with Clarke at his mercy.

The second half was only minutes old when Brisbane City forged into a concerted raid, during which Clarke in succession pulled off magnificent saves of goalbound shots from Low and Echeverria.

But the writing was on the wall, and only a minute later, a Perry cross traversed untouched into the box, (Campbell) somehow sneaked in behind the defence and joyously turned the ball home.

Sydney City bounced back with a vicious Stevenson free kick which sailed just wide and from a following corner, Brisbane City were in dire straits until they finally managed to scramble it away.

That was it for Sydney City. In the 38th minute, Kelso intercepted a poor defensive pass, galloped away on the left and his square ball was met by Campbell's left boot as Clarke advanced and the match was a good as over.

Trenter stroked one fractionally less when Barnes set up a Stevenson corner but Sydney City could make little headway, chiefly through some fundamental lapses in their usual punishing one-touch passing.

In the minutes that remained, Sydney City naturally pushed up and this allowed Brisbane City to head off danger and on one occasion, Campbell almost snatched his hat-trick.

Kelso rose high for an Echeverria corner and beat Clarke. It was cleared off the line and Campbell's attempted shot, chiefly through some fundamental lapses in their usual punishing one-touch passing.

With only minutes left, Echeverria displayed some brilliant skills on the far touchline to send Kelso away again, but he chose to cross instead of hammering at Clarke. And O'Connor arrived to concede a corner.

Kelso, much rejuvenated compared to recent weeks, also found the time to test Clarke with a last minute chip shot from well out, which the former Soccerco keeper only just managed to tip over the bar.

With the match slipping away, it seemed a strange decision by coach Chaldi to replace Kershaw with another defender in Thomson, although Souness did try to push up from leftback more into the midfield.

It made little difference, even after Brisbane lost injured Pimblett and striker Caldwell came on, with Low dropping back to the middle.

Chaldi waited until the 90th minute to use his other replacement, former match-winner Terry Smith, but by then the bird had well and truly flown.

MARCONI THIS TIME

MARCONI 2 HEIDELBERG 1

Ground: Bosley Park.
Crowd: About 7000.
Referee: Ken Allen 8.
Yellow cards: Nil.
Goals: Byrne, Henderson (M), Cole (H).

MARCONI: Maher 8, Brogan 8, Russell 8, Selva 8, Byrne 8, Henderson 9, Krncevic 7, Lindsay 7, Jankovics 7, Sharne 7.
HEIDELBERG: Banovic 7, McMillan 7, Zvendorn 7, Bannon 8, Tansley 8, Campbell 8, Taylor 7, Rooney 7, Cole 9, Paton 6, Buljovic 6.

The league champions from Fairfield opened up the top four competition with a well-deserved win over their arch-rival from Melbourne. Marconi did well in the opening minutes to quickly gain the advantage, but after Gary Cole had equalised midway through the first half, most observers felt that Marconi was in for their third defeat at the hands of Heidelberg.

Marconi proved to be the champion team with a determined effort in the second half which got them the winning goal and with some more accuracy in their shooting, Marconi

could have scored a more decisive win.
Almost from the kick-off, Jankovics pushed the ball back to Henderson who lobbed Heidelberg's defence. Marconi's way for Sharne to run down the line and close to the opponents' area. Sharne's cross came off a defender and ran for Jankovics who appeared to have a good scoring opportunity before being brought down by Rooney.

Ken Allen had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and Gary Byrne converted to make it 1-0. Marconi continued to dominate for the next quarter of an hour and looked the more likely side to score.

However, the fortunes gradually shifted towards Heidelberg and with Rooney, Taylor and Campbell running well and exploiting gaps in Marconi's midfield, Cole, Paton and Buljovic started to create openings in front of Maher's goal.

Gary Cole's individual effort in the 23rd minute almost brought an equaliser. With two men before him, Cole looked to have very little chance of success but his speed and ability to beat a defender on the run was once again emphasised as he easily beat one, then skirled Prskalo before trying for



Alex Vesic

the far corner of Maher's goal. It was a well-measured shot that was well-taken save by the Marconi keeper.

Only two minutes later Cole left Marconi's defence stranded to score from close range following a well-taken free kick by Jim Tansley. His shot rocketed into the net, giving Maher no chance at all.

With six minutes to go to half time, Heidelberg could have scored following an infringement in front of Maher's goal.

Referee Allen awarded Heidelberg an indirect free kick for obstruction in the area and it looked curtains for the home team as the visitors prepared to take the kick. However, the short "nudge", followed by a shot from Heidelberg, rebounded outside the area for

Sharne to pick up, race across-field and almost to the penalty area.
With two Heidelberg players looming up to tackle, Sharne crossed to the far side, Taylor fumbled and the ball ran for Jankovics some 10 metres from the goal line.

The top league marksman hesitated and Taylor recovered in time to clear before Jankovics could line up his shot again.

The opening minutes of the second half belonged to the visitors and they almost scored following another fine cross by Tansley. Gary Cole rose high to head just past the post.

Heidelberg's control of the game slowly but surely slipped away, as Marconi pushed forward with great determination.

With only 10 minutes gone in this spell, the home side managed to pierce Heidelberg's defence and came close to scoring. Ken Lindsay engineered the move by pushing the ball wide for Krncevic who imitated the visitors prepared to take the edge of the area. With space to run, Selva decided to cross for Jankovics who hammered a first-time high

over the bar from some five metres.
Marconi continued to attack and were soon rewarded with a great goal by Henderson. With a defensive wall in front of him and seemingly very little space to turn, Henderson pushed the ball wide to his left before hammering a 20-metre drive past the outstretched arms of Banovic. It was a great goal and justly scored by the best player on the park in this game.

In the last five minutes Marconi had a couple of changes to increase their lead, but unfortunately, first Jankovics then Selva wasted what looked like a simple goal scoring opportunity. In the 85th Jankovics hit the post from six metres and in the 87th Selva pushed it past the upright from close range following a good cross by Lindsay.

Coach Les Scheinflug was happy with his men. "We proved yet again that we are the team to beat. My boys increased their work rate in the second half and that proved sufficient on the day."

Manny Poulakakis was not a bitter man over the defeat, giving Marconi the praise they deserve.

Sutherland, Monaro in final

Inter Monaro and Sutherland Shire will clash in the NSW grand final at the Sydney Sports Ground on Sunday.
Monaro qualified for the final by beating Croatia in a replay on Wednesday night.
Walter Valeri, NSW State League top goalscorer, netted the vital goal for Monaro in

the second half. He had been dropped from the drawn semi-final against Croatia the previous Sunday for missing a training session.
Valeri and his fellow striker Sebastian Giampaolo have been approached by various PSL clubs.

Beggs' goals sink Sutherland's hopes

By Roger Dewick
SUTHERLAND 2 CROATIA

At Sydney Sports Ground.
Crowd: 3336.
Referee: Barry Wilkinson.
Scorer: Beggs 2.
SUTHERLAND: P. Croggs 7, M. Hasford 8, S. Wattson 8, P. Wykes 8, R. Smith 9, V. Des Forre 8, K. Schumann 8, C. Hall 7, S. Meadows 7, P. Beggs 9, J. Basterfield 7, M. Harrington 7.
CROATIA: S. Watson 6, A. Kovacic 7, P. Mullen 7, J. Bado 7, G. Smith 9, B. Capell 0 (Dudovic 61st), M. Sullivan 7, W. Savor 7, A. Abonyi 7, M. Kovacic 6, W. Cootes 6 (Johns 45th).

Sutherland had little trouble in overcoming Croatia to enter Sunday's grand final against Monaro, with much sought after striker Peter Beggs finding peak form with two brilliant first half goals.

Croatia had a tough match the previous Sunday which went to extra time and lost the replay on Wednesday night so it was a surprise to see skipper Greg Smith elect to play against the strong breeze in the first half after winning the toss.

After 10 minutes of pottering around in midfield Sutherland clicked into top gear with their neat constructive and purposeful brand of football.

In the 11th minute Beggs eluded his marker, set goalie Steve Watson as at full stretch to keep his 30 metre drive on the turn out of the net. Like a will of the wisps Beggs found space for himself continually and the only times he was not on the move, both in attack and defence, was when bodily contact, mainly from Browns stretched him on the turf.

The speedy, determined Shire team was making Croatia look a very ordinary outfit and after good lead-up work which saw Basterfield

and Hall shoot just wide, it came as no surprise when Sutherland hit the Brisbane defence.

Harrington drove a corner kick low and hard to the near post and Beggs flashed 15 metres to place a superbly judged header into the corner of the net.

Brown drove his team forward with unflagging energy but the slow, predictable approach work of Croatia was not sufficient to create chances against the tight marking Sutherland backline for whom Bob Smith was in outstanding form.

In the 23rd minute Sutherland's Keith Schumann nearly put Croatia back into the game but his bad back pass went over his keeper and struck the bar before rebounding into the keeper's arms.

The irrepressible Beggs popped up totally unmarked on the right wing four minutes later but no forward was on hand to convert his cross ball which deceived Watson who was not his usual sound self.

In the 32nd minute Beggs elated his supporters and increased the interest of the watching P.S.L. scouts with a classic goal. Craig Hall did the lead-up work with a strong run from the half way line and his perfect cross was taken in his stride by Beggs who crashed home an unstoppable drive from 35 metres.

Sutherland were running all over Croatia whose midfield had ceased to function by now but a defensive error allowed Kovacic a chance to reduce the lead in the 41st minute. He blasted the ball over the empty goal from eight metres and Croatia's glimmer of a revival disappeared.

With a comfortable lead, Sutherland were content to keep the ball on the ground after the interval and play safe in anticipation of an onslaught by Croatia which never came.

Still quicker to the ball and more determined and positive with their marking and tackling, Sutherland

Nyskohus nets 3

ADELAIDE CITY 4 (J. Nyskohus 13, 43, 71, Melta 5) WEST ADELAIDE 1 (Boyle) Escort Cup, first leg.
ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 7, Russell 9, Besir 8 (Northcott, Dodds 8, B. Nyskohus 8, Melta 9, Muzic 7, Marochi 8, Deans 8, J. Nyskohus 10, Viliani 7 (Kent).
WEST: Crook 8 (Service), Tymczyszyn 6, Koulianos 6 (Lorenzoni 6), Patras 6, Dooley 6, Jones 7, Boyle 7, Kosmina 6, Norris 7, Honeymen 7, McGregor 5 (McCallach 6).

Adelaide City crushed West Adelaide 4-1 in the first leg of the Escort Cup at Olympic Sports Field.
John Nyskohus inspired City with a great hat-trick while Sergio Melta, improving with every game, got City's other goal, and had a hand in the other three.

The two sides meet again on Sunday for the second leg but City coach Rale Rasic should have his acceptance speech prepared. — MENTO TOUTSIDIS.

Warren returns!

Former Australian captain Johnny Warren and former Prague star Raul Blanco will don their boots again for an all-star match at Picton, NSW, on Saturday.
Warren has put together an all-star team to play at the opening of the Picton Rangers' new ground. Picton is about an hour's drive south of Sydney.

Player-coach of Picton Rangers is former Hakoah (Sydney City) star Ray Gardiner. Frank Haffey and Chris Spillarevic, another former star of Hakoah, also for the Rangers.
The "Johnny Warren All-Stars" include: Attila Abonyi (Croatia), Steve O'Connor (Sydney City), John O'Shea, Rob O'Shea, George Harris, Raul Blanco (St George) and Mike Milovanovic, Danny Moulis, Steve Hogg and Vic Fernandez (Canberra City).

Reserves share title

Frankston City and Essendon Croatia have shared the Victorian State League reserves championship after finishing level on points and goals.
Croatia was set to take the title outright when it led Slavia 3-1 10 minutes from the end of their postponed game last Saturday. Confident that victory had been achieved, Croatia replaced key players Ned Batnovic who had scored twice, and Branko Culina and promptly conceded two goals.

After the 3-2 victory, Croatia had 39 goals for, 15 against and 32 points. So did Frankston, which had led the league before this match.

BOWLES SHIELD

The annual William Bowles Shield for under 10 teams will be contested at Mooroolbark's ground on Saturday from 9 am and Sunday for 10 am.
Teams are: Knox City, Mulgrave, Essendon Croatia, Croydon, North Geelong, Mooroolbark, A. Dingy, Caulfield, Loral, Albion Rovers, Doncaster Rovers, Mitcham, Ringwood City, Meadow Park, Moe, Mooroolbark, B. Boro, Melbourne, Crambourne, Fortuna Morwell.

Testimonial at Ardeer

Ardeer (Vic.) will stage a testimonial game for brothers Eddy and Job Wrobel at its Helene Street ground on Sunday at 3 pm.

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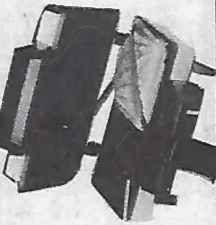
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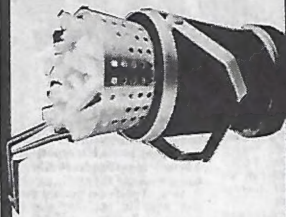
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STATE LEAGUE TEAM OF THE YEAR

This is the 'Soccer Action' 1979 Victorian State League team of the year. Players have won a place in the team according to the number of votes they polled in our player of the year award. Robert Cullen of Preston Makedonia was the winner of the award with 27 votes.

The 1978 'Soccer Action' team of the year

Mike DIXEY (Sunshine)	John YZENDOORN (Slavia)	Billy WHITESIDE (Hakoah)	John CAIN (Ajax)	Steve BEECH (Makedonia)
Steve SHORT (Slavia)	Billy McCLYMONT (Makedonia)	John BERNARD (Makedonia)	Robert CULLEN (Geo. Cross)	
Tommy CUMMING (Croatia)	Ken REED (Geo. Cross)			



**Lou
DENYS 9 votes**
(Ajax)

Mick Edwards (Croy) 8, Mike O'Hara (Hak) 7



**Jimmy
SPINK 7 votes**
(Croydon)
Mike Dixey (Sun) 5
Peter Lewis (Alt) 4

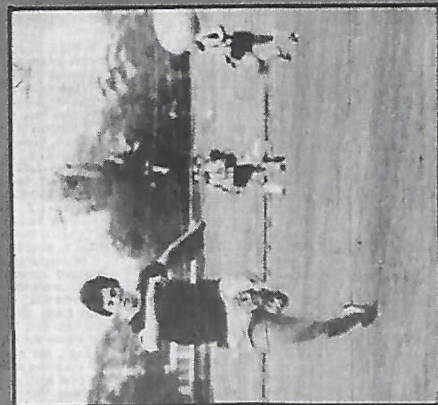


**Steve
ELLIS 16 votes**
(Sunshine)

Alan Pogho (Croy) 14, Bob Adams (Frank) 11,
Gary Hooper (Cross) 10, Stuart Cannell (Alt) 8



**Tony
YOUNG 16 votes**
(Frankston)



**Harry
HIRD 9 votes**
(Altona)
Fausto Tarquinio (Juve) 8
Derek Barron (Cross) 7



**Claude
'LUCCHESI 12 votes
(Juventus)**



**Robert
NELSON 13 votes
(Sunshine)**

Shraga Topolanski (Hak) 11, Mike D'Silva (Alb) 10, Billy Voitek (Ajax) 10,
Ken Murphy (Croati) 9, Gerry Reilly (Alb) 9, Jeff Faulkner (Mak) 9.



**Robert
CULLEN 27 votes
(Makedonia)**



**Bobby
McGUINNESS 26 votes
(Juventus)**

Jim Williams (Slav) 18, Bruce Young (Frank) 14, Carl Gilder (Croati) 12,
Michael Loh (Hak) 11, Tony Cowan (Cross) 11, George McMillan (Mak) 11.

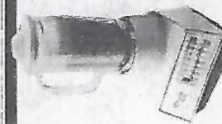


**Billy
WHYTE 21 votes
(Altona)**

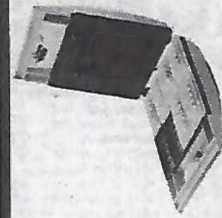
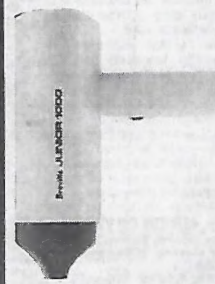


**Tommy
CUMMING 23 votes
(Croati)**

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The 1979 season is over for eight of the 12 Victorian State League clubs, and so 'Soccer Action' takes a look at the 1979 performances of these clubs.

The eight clubs featured finished outside the top four and naturally they will be aiming to do better in 1980.

This review includes all Ampol Cup, Dockerty Cup and State League championship games, with scorers.

Four clubs — Preston Makedonia, Croydon City, Frankston City and Essendon Croatia — are involved in the State League Cup. 'Soccer Action' will have a review of their performances later.

ALBION ROVERS

Home ground: Selwyn Park
1979 coaches: Mike Lynn, Billy McArthur

Position finished: 12th
Years in State League: 2
1979 honors: nil

Last trophy: First Division championship 1977.
Albion Rovers was the hot favorite for relegation after poor performances in the Ampol and Dockerty Cups early in the season and few expected the game fight the team produced.

The Rovers needed to win their last game to avoid relegation but could manage only a 0-0 with Hakoah. The fine efforts of coach Billy McArthur were wasted.

Albion suffered only one defeat in its last four games but it was that loss which dragged the Rovers into a hopeless position. Had Albion managed to beat Green Gully in round 20, it surely would have remained in the State League.

McArthur pulled off some excellent results, none better than a shock opening round victory over champion Essendon Croatia. A goal by Dave McNeil was enough to give Rovers victory that day at Selwyn Park.

The immediate future of the club is unknown. An amalgamation with Sunshine City has been tipped, but Albion has ambitious plans for a fully-licensed soccer club.

The club has experienced failure in the past and has bounced back. Albion is sure to be fighting for promotion from the First Division next season.

Here is a list of all Albion's results this season—

AMPOL CUP
1-2 v. Green Gully (Paul Woods)

1-4 v. Frankston City (Kit Grechan)

0-2 v. Essendon Croatia

1-5 v. Prahran Slavia (Mike D'Sylva)

3-1 v. George Cross (Alastair Denham, Bill McCormack, D'Sylva)

DOCKERTY CUP
0-1 v. Frankston City

STATE LEAGUE
1-0 v. Essendon Croatia (Dave McNeil)

0-4 v. Frankston City

1-2 v. George Cross (McCormack)

0-2 v. Croydon City

2-3 v. Hakoah St. Kilda (Hugh Stewart, McNeil)

0-0 v. Albion City

2-3 v. Juventus (D'Sylva, McCormack)

1-1 v. Sunshine City (D'Sylva)

1-1 v. Green Gully (McCormack)

3-1 v. Slavia (Alex Ward, D'Sylva, McNeil)

1-4 v. Preston Makedonia (McCormack)

1-5 v. Essendon Croatia (Paul Hynes)

2-3 v. Preston Makedonia (Grechan, Bill McIntyre)

1-1 v. Frankston City (McIntyre)

1-3 v. Croydon City (D'Sylva)

1-3 v. George Cross (Gerry Reilly)

1-0 v. Albion City (D'Sylva)

1-3 v. Juventus (McCormack pen.)

0-0 v. Sunshine City

0-1 v. Green Gully

3-1 v. Prahran Slavia (McCormack 2, D'Sylva)

0-0 v. Hakoah St. Kilda

ALTONA CITY

Home ground: Kim Reserve
1979 coaches: Joe Wilson, John Payne

Position finished: 8th
Years in State League: 3
1979 honors: nil

Last trophy: Federation Cup 1972

Altona City struggled against relegation for most of the 1978 season and so the club's effort of climbing in sixth spot this year indicates a satisfactory improvement.

However, Altona was expected to do better after striking some great form in the middle of the season when the team went five games without defeat and hovered menacingly just outside the top four.

Defeat in round 17 at the hands of bottom-placed Albion Rovers shattered Altona's dreams. Altona did not win a game in the last six

rounds and slipped back to the field.

Altona recruited heavily, with five new players arriving. The outstanding players were defender Stuart Cannell from English club Doncaster Rovers and midfielder Billy Whyte.

It's obvious Altona still needs a couple of top men to have a team capable of winning honors. The first stage of the building programme lifted the club away from the bottom but now the second stage must be implemented to ensure continued success.

Here's a list of all Altona's results—

AMPOL CUP
1-3 v. Croydon City (George Watters)

1-2 v. Hakoah St. Kilda (Watters)

1-2 v. Preston Makedonia (George Train pen.)

1-3 v. Juventus (Train pen.)

2-1 v. Sunshine City (Bob Taylor 2)

DOCKERTY CUP
5-1 v. Werribee (Taylor 2, Nat Little 2, Train)

2-3 v. Croydon City (Taylor 2, Kevin Kelly 1)

+ lost on penalties

STATE LEAGUE
2-2 v. Sunshine City (Peter Lewis, Taylor)

3-0 v. Green Gully (Robin Craw, Taylor, Billy Whyte)

3-2 v. Prahran Slavia (Craw, Lewis 2)

0-3 v. Preston Makedonia

1-2 v. Essendon Croatia (Train pen.)

0-0 v. Albion Rovers

0-1 v. George Cross

0-1 v. Croydon City

0-1 v. Hakoah St. Kilda (Whyte)

3-4 v. Frankston City (Craw, Taylor, N. Little)

1-3 v. Juventus (Richard Buckley)

0-1 v. Sunshine City (Kevin Innes)

2-1 v. Juventus (Taylor, Whyte)

1-0 v. Green Gully (Craw)

0-0 v. Preston Makedonia

3-0 v. Prahran Slavia (Watters, Train pen, Craw)

0-1 v. Albion Rovers

2-2 v. George Cross (Gramsberg, Taylor)

0-0 v. Croydon City

1-1 v. Hakoah St. Kilda (Craw)

0-2 v. Frankston City (Taylor, Lewis)

1-3 v. Essendon Croatia (Innes)

GEORGE CROSS

Home ground: Olympic Park
No. 1

1979 coaches: Johnny Sanchez, Dave MacLaren, Billy Wilkinson

Position finished: 7th
Years in State League: 20

Last trophy: Dockerty Cup 1978

George Cross had a powerful team last season. The combination of Ken Reed, Robert Cullen, Robert Mirak and Jim Paparas provided the attacking strength which enabled George to win the Dockerty Cup and play off in the State League Cup final.

However, Reed and Cullen left the club and Mirak missed the season with a severe hamstring injury. Paparas remained and had a good season but he alone wasn't enough.

George Cross bought many players in an attempt to recapture the glory of 1978 but as is always the case, new players need time to blend in.

George Cross struggled for a long time but managed to finish a respectable seventh after picking up five points from its last three games.

The massive buying spree should bring results next season if the players are kept together. In particular, the Cross must try to retain striker Tony Cowan, who was the best player brought to the club.

John Bernard didn't show his best at George Cross and Damian Morgan and Martin Graham can do better.

Overall, it was a disappointing season for George Cross but the proud Malesse club is sure to bounce back.

Here's a list of all results—

AMPOL CUP
0-0 v. Essendon Croatia + won on penalties

1-1 v. Green Gully

2-2 v. Frankston City (Ray Mizzi, Brian Thom) + lost on pens.

2-0 v. Prahran Slavia (Steve Sodonaco, Mizzi)

1-3 v. Albion Rovers (Mizzi)

DOCKERTY CUP
4-1 v. Port Melbourne (Mizzi 2, Jim Paparas, Chico Mifsud)

1-3 v. Prahran Slavia (Mizzi)

STATE LEAGUE
1-2 v. Preston Makedonia (Mizzi)

1-6 v. Essendon Croatia (Tony Castiello)

0-1 v. Albion Rovers (Mizzi, Brian Thom pen.)

0-2 v. Frankston City

1-1 v. Croydon City (Tony Cowan)

1-3 v. Hakoah St. Kilda (Paparas)

1-0 v. Albion City (Paparas)

1-2 v. Juventus (Paparas)

1-1 v. Sunshine City (Cowan)

1-1 v. Green Gully (Bernard)

2-1 v. Prahran Slavia (Cowan, Paparas)

0-4 v. Preston Makedonia

1-1 v. Prahran Slavia (Cowan)

1-4 v. Essendon Croatia (Mifsud)

4-3 v. Frankston City (Paparas 2, Cowan, Damian Morgan)

CLUB CHAMPIONS

Albion Rovers — Mike D'Sylva

Altona City — Billy Whyte

Croydon City — Alan Pangho

Frankston City — Tony Young

Essendon Croatia — Tommy Cumming

George Cross — Tony Cowan

Green Gully — Bill Voitek

Hakoah St Kilda — Michael Loh and Shraga Topolanski (tied)

Juventus — Bob McGinness

Prahran Slavia — Jim Williams

Preston Makedonia — Robert Cullen

Sunshine City — Steve Ellis

GOAL KINGS

Albion Rovers — Mike D'Sylva

Altona City — Bob Taylor

+ Croydon City — Roy Hamilton

+ Frankston City — Noel Milton

+ Essendon Croatia — Carl Gilder

George Cross — Jim Paparas

Green Gully — Steve Carr

Hakoah St Kilda — Michael Loh and Graham French (tied)

Juventus — Bobby McGinness and Claude Lucchesi (tied)

Prahran Slavia — Jamie Paton

+ Preston Makedonia — George McMillan

Sunshine City — Dave Nelson

+ Club still involved in matches. Leading goalscorer may change.

3-1 v. Albion Rovers (Paparas 2, Thom)

0-0 v. Hakoah St. Kilda

2-2 v. Albion City (Barron pen. Paparas)

1-3 v. Juventus (Cowan)

1-1 v. Sunshine City (Sodonaco)

1-0 v. Green Gully (Cowan)

3-2 v. Croydon City (Cowan 2, Martin Graham)

GREEN GULLY AJAX

Home ground: Green Gully Reserve

1979 coach: Bill Voitek

Position finished: 10th

Years in State League: 3

1979 honors: Ampol Cup

Last trophy: Ampol Cup 1979

Green Gully's bubble burst and deflated rapidly after a successful start to the 1979 season.

Gully won the Ampol Cup from Slavia and player/coach Bill Voitek was confident of a good season. However, things went from bad to worse after the championship kicked had carried Gully through the early games disappeared. Green Gully managed only three wins from its first 11 games and had a woeful home record.

A key factor in the decline was the break-up of the team. Defender Joe Thompson was the first to go, followed by skilful striker Steve Carr and midfield dynamo Ian McCarty.

Forward Andy Segi was unavailable for many games, leaving Voitek with a depleted squad. To his credit, he overcame the difficulties and secured Green Gully State League status for 1980 with a win over Albion Rovers in round 20.

Considerable reconstruction is needed before Green Gully has a team capable of winning honors. 1980 looks certain to be a season of consolidation.

Here's a list of Gully's results—

AMPOL CUP
2-1 v. Albion Rovers (Steve Carr, Andy Segi)

1-0 v. George Cross (David Perkins)

5-1 v. Essendon Croatia (Short 0-2, Carr 2, Segi 2)

2-3 v. Frankston City (Carr 2)

0-1 v. Prahran Slavia

Semi final - 1-0 v. Hakoah St. Kilda (Perkins)

Final - 1-1 v. Prahran Slavia

A-1 (Billy Voitek) won on pens.

DOCKERTY CUP
6-0 v. Boroima (Perkins, Segi 2, Joe Pavlovic 2)

5-2 v. Western Suburbs (Carr 3, Voitek, Segi)

0-0 v. Essendon Croatia lost on pens.

STATE LEAGUE
1-1 v. Hakoah St. Kilda (Perkins)

0-3 v. Albion City

1-0 v. Juventus (Carr)

0-3 v. Sunshine City

0-2 v. Frankston City

2-0 v. Prahran Slavia (Carr pen., Perkins)

1-5 v. Preston Makedonia (Pavlovic)

1-1 v. Essendon Croatia (Perkins)

1-1 v. Albion Rovers (Patten)

1-1 v. George Cross (Carr)

3-1 v. Croydon City (Mick Klarin 2, Voitek)

1-1 v. Hakoah St. Kilda (Klarin)

1-3 v. Croydon City (Klarin)

0-1 v. Albion City

1-2 v. Sunshine City (Daniels)

1-1 v. Juventus (Segi)

1-2 v. Prahran Slavia (Perkins)

3-2 v. Preston Makedonia (Perkins 2, Willie Vassallo)

1-0 v. Albion Rovers (Steve Benzie)

0-1 v. George Cross

0-2 v. Frankston City

chairman. With his backing the club finished in the top four, a great achievement considering Hakoah's record over previous seasons.

A good showing in this season's Ampol Cup suggested Hakoah would continue to be one of the top clubs in the State League.

Injuries and unavailabilities plagued Hakoah, which had earned a reputation for playing some grand soccer early in 1979.

The first player to go was striker Mike Clary, with a serious knee injury. His partner Graham French also suffered a knee injury and missed more than half the season.

Dave Rigby, Sean Rooney and Bill Jordanou were plagued by injury, and Gerry Edmondson and Stuart Blair missed games through business commitments.

Billy Whiteside, Nick Rakovalis and Jim Dapers walked out after disputes with coach Frank Micic. Micic left and reserve coach Bill Allison replaced him. The team improved, but still the season must be viewed as unsuccessful.

If Hakoah can get all its players fit during the summer and add one or two to the St. Kilda club could be back in the running for honors.

Results —

AMPOL CUP
1-0 v. Preston Makedonia (Graham French)

2-1 v. Albion City (Steve Gadsby, Branko Bozinski)

3-1 v. Juventus (Les Nagy 2, French)

0-2 v. Sunshine City (Bozinski)

1-2 v. Croydon City (Rigby)

Semi final — 0-1 v. Green Gully

DOCKERTY CUP
3-0 v. Waverley City (Bill Jordanou 2, French 1)

0-1 v. Box Hill (French 2, Bozinski, Anton Dosen, L. Nagy, Jordanou)

2-5 v. Preston Makedonia (French)

STATE LEAGUE
1-1 v. Green Gully (Rigby)

0-2 v. Prahran Slavia

2-1 v. Preston Makedonia (Michael Loh, Dosen)

0-2 v. Essendon Croatia

3-2 v. Albion Rovers (Loh 2, French)

0-2 v. Croydon City

3-3 v. Frankston City (French, Jordanou, Rigby)

1-2 v. Sunshine City (Rooney)

0-1 v. Prahran Slavia

0-0 v. Essendon Croatia

1-0 v. Preston Makedonia (Gadsby)

0-0 v. George Cross

0-2 v. Croydon City

2-0 v. Frankston City (Jordanou, Loh)

1-1 v. Albion City (Loh)

2-2 v. Juventus (Jordanou, Loh)



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Socceroo tormentor a hit in West Germany

The star attraction of the Eintracht Frankfurt team of West Germany is winger Cha Bum Keun, the South Korean international. Cha Bum Keun made 141 appearances for his country, many against the Australian national team. Unfortunately for the Aussies, Cha Bum Keun terrorised the Socceroo defence on many occasions.

Kevin Keegan, 29, stands to collect a reported 250,000 pounds should he sell himself to another club after his present contract with Hamburg expires next summer.

Brian McLaughlin of Ayr United has moved to Motherwell to join Ally McLeod side for 100,000 pounds.

Geoff Hurst is having a massive clear-out at Chelsea. He has put eight players on the transfer list.

From JIM COOK
Our European Correspondent

and not surprisingly disciplined Peter Osgood after his refusal to play in Peter Bonetti's testimonial.

Nottingham Forest named Europe's top team in the annual Adidas awards in Paris is set to splash out big money on a replacement for Asa Hartford who recently transferred to Everton.

Nasser Hejjazi Iran's 29 World Cup keeper started a months trial with Manchester United. Nasser has had 60 caps for Iran.

Kevin Reves the young Norwich striker for whom the club turned down a 11 million pounds offer from Manchester City a few weeks ago cost the East Anglia side a mere 50,000 pounds from 4th division Bournemouth two years ago.

Colin Todd the Everton de-

fender has signed for Birmingham for a 250,000 pound fee.

Brian Clough has told his Scottish international defender Kenny Burns to "start behaving yourself — or else." Burns has already collected three bookings this season — after missing the first two games of the season through suspension.

West Ham paid 150,000 pounds to Norwich for striker Jimmy Neighbour who returned from America where he had been playing with Seattle.

Tommy Docherty has signed a three year contract with Queens Park Rangers which makes him the highest paid managers in the game in U.K.

A testimonial for Colin Bell of Manchester City who has quit the playing side through recurring injury netted 30,000 pounds in a match Manchester XI v Merseyside XI. Tommy Caton scored for Manchester in their 2-1 win.

Andy Ritchie, the Greenock Morton striker and Scotland's Player of the Year in 1978 is likely to move south soon for a fee around 400,000 pounds. Spurs, Newcastle, Arsenal and Middlesbrough have all recently watched Ritchie who scored 23 goals in the Scottish Premier League for Morton last season.

Ron Atkinson the West Bromwich Albion manager says that England must ban players who join foreign clubs.

Bryan Hamilton, the former Ipswich player now with Swindon Town, is strongly tipped to take over as Northern Ireland manager from Danny Blanchflower.

AEK KO'D DESPITE GALLANT CHARGE

Despite winning its second leg match 2-0 against Romanian champion Arges Pitesti, Greek champion AEK Athens was knocked out of the European Cup first round.

Spurred on by the home crowd, AEK attacked constantly in an effort to reduce the three-goal deficit incurred from the first leg in Romania.

AEK was successful in bringing the

scoreline to 2-3, but the defence of Arges Pitesti held out.

However, in the UEFA Cup Panionios kept the Greek flag flying in the European competitions by progressing to the second round at the expense of Twente Enschede of Holland.

Twente won the second leg 3-1, but Panionios' 4-1 first leg victory was big enough to see the Greeks through.

In shocks for English clubs, Everton Liverpool and West Bromwich Albion were knocked out of Europe.

The Scots were far happier when both

the Glasgow giants — Celtic and Rangers — progressed into the second round of their competitions.

There were more shocks as all four of Austria's European entrants were eliminated. However, the East German clubs surprised, and recorded some excellent results.

Laurie Cunningham scored a goal for Real Madrid as the Spanish club downed Levki Spartak. However, Spanish club Athletic Madrid was a victim of the strong East German charge.

Dynamo Dresden ousted Athletic.

EUROPEAN CUP:

In Nicolae: Omonia Nicolae (Cyprus) 6 Red Boys Differdange (Luxembourg) 1 (4-1). Amonia won 7-3 on aggregate.

In Athens: AEK Athens (Greece) 2 Arges Pitesti (Romania) 0 (2-0). Arges won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Strasbourg: Racing Strasbourg (France) 4 Kristianstad (Norway) 0 (2-0). Racing Strasbourg won 6-1 on aggregate.

In Thilisi: Dinamo Thilisi (Soviet Union) 3 Liverpool (England) 0 (0-0). Thilisi won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Prague: Dukla Prague (Czechoslovakia) 2 Ujpest Dossa (Hungary) 0 (1-0). Dukla won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Trabzon: Trabzonspor (Turkey) 0 Hajduk Split (Yugoslavia) 1 (half time 0-1). Hajduk Split won 2-0 on aggregate.

In Beveren-Waas: Beveren (Belgium) 1 Servette Geneva (Switzerland) 1 (1-1). Servette Geneva won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Madrid: Real Madrid (Spain) 2 Levski Spartak Sofia (Bulgaria) 0 (2-0). Real Madrid won 3-0 on aggregate.

In Amsterdam: Ajax Amsterdam (Netherlands) 8 HJK Helsinki (Finland) 1 (4-0). Ajax won 16-2 on aggregate.

In Hamburg: Hamburg (West Germany) 2 Valur Reykjavik (Iceland) 1 (0-0). Hamburg won 5-1 on aggregate.

In Vienna: Austria (Austria) 1 Vejle BK (Denmark) 1 (0-1). Vejle won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Glasgow: Celtic (Scotland) 4 Partizan Tirana (Albania) 1 (4-1). Celtic won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Vaxjo: Oester Vaxjo (Sweden) 1 Nottingham Forest (England) 1 (0-0). Nottingham Forest won 3-1 on aggregate.

CUP WINNERS' CUP:

In Chorzow: Ruch Chorzow (Poland) 0 Dynamo Berlin (East Germany) 0. Dynamo won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Bucharest: Steaua Bucharest 6 Young Boys Berne (Switzerland) 0 (2-0). Steaua won 5-2 on aggregate.

In Győr: Rába Eto (Hungary) 2 Juventus (Italy) 1 (2-0). Juventus won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Waterford: Waterford (Ireland) 1 IFK Gothenburg (Sweden) 1 (0-1). Gothenburg won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Kosice: Lokomotiva Kosice (Czechoslovakia) 1 SWW Innsbruck (Austria) 0. Lokomotiva won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Istanbul: Fenerbahce (Turkey) 0 Arsenal (England) 0. Arsenal won 2-0 on aggregate.

In Nantes: Nantes (France) 2 Cliftonville (Northern Ireland) 0 (4-0). Nantes won 8-0 on aggregate.

In Barcelona: Barcelona (Spain) 5 IA Akranes (Iceland) 0 (2-0). Barcelona won 6-0 on aggregate.

In Valencia: Valencia (Spain) 4 1903 Copenhagen (Denmark) 0 (1-0). Valencia won 6-2 on aggregate.

In Dusseldorf: Fortuna Dusseldorf (West Germany) 0 Rangers (Scotland) 0. Rangers won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Magdeburg: Magdeburg (East Germany) 5 Wrexham (Wales) 2 after extra time. (Half time 1-2, score after 90 minutes 2-2). Magdeburg won 7-5 on aggregate.

In Stara Zsuzsanna: Beroe (Bulgaria) 2 Arka (Poland) 0 (2-0). Beroe won 4-3 on aggregate.

In Luxembourg: Aris Bonnevoie (Luxembourg) 1 Reipas Lahti (Finland) 0 (1-0). Aris won 2-1 on aggregate.

UEFA CUP:

In Frankfurt: Eintracht Frankfurt (West Germany) 1 Aberdeen (Scotland) 0 (0-0). Frankfurt won 1-0 on aggregate.

In Liege: Standard Liege (Belgium) 1 Glenavon (Northern Ireland) 0 (0-0). Standard won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Munich: Bayern Munich (West Germany) 2 Bohemians Prague (Czechoslovakia) 2 (0-0). Bayern won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Kaiserslautern: Kaiserslautern (West Germany) 5 Zurich (Switzerland) 1 (2-0). Kaiserslautern won 8-2 on aggregate.

In San Sebastian: Real Sociedad (Spain) 2 Internazionale (Italy) 0 (1-0). Internazionale won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Zurich: Grasshoppers Zurich (Switzerland) 4 Progress Niedercorn (Luxembourg) 0 (3-0). Grasshoppers won 6-0 on aggregate.

In St Etienne: St Etienne (France) 3 Widzew Lodz (Poland) 0 (1-0). St Etienne won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Twente: Twente Enschede (Netherlands) 3 Panionios (Greece) 1 Panionios won 6-3 on aggregate.

In Leeds: Leeds United (England) 3 Valletta (Malta) 0 (1-0). Leeds won 7-0 on aggregate.

In Ipswich: Ipswich Town (England) 7 Skidavik (Iceland) 4 (4-0). Ipswich won 10-1 on aggregate.

In Birmingham: West Bromwich Albion (England) 1 Carl Zeiss Jena (East Germany) 2 (1-1). Carl Zeiss Jena won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Esbjerg: Esbjerg (Denmark) 1 Zbrojovka Brno (Czechoslovakia) 1 (0-0). Brno won 7-1 on aggregate.

In Stavanger: Viking Stavanger (Norway) 1 Borussia Monchengladbach (West Germany) 1 (1-0). Borussia won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Dresden: Dynamo Dresden (East Germany) 3 Athletic Madrid (Spain) 0 (2-0). Dynamo Dresden won 5-1 on aggregate.

In Sofia: CSKA Sofia (Bulgaria) 5 Dinamo Kiev (Soviet Union) (0-0). Dinamo won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Budapest: Ferencváros (Hungary) 2 Lokomotiv Sofia (Bulgaria) 1 (1-0). Lokomotiv Sofia won 3-2 on aggregate.

In Liverpool: Everton (England) 0 Feyenoord Rotterdam (Netherlands) 1 (0-0). Feyenoord won 2-0 on aggregate.

In Malmoe: Malmoe (Sweden) 2 Kuopion Pallo-Veikot (Finland) 0 (0-0). Malmoe won 4-1 on aggregate.

In Zagreb: Dinamo Zagreb (Yugoslavia) 0 Perugia (Italy) 0 Perugia won 1-0 on aggregate.

In Mladec: Diogvor (Hungary) 3 Rapid (Austria) 2 (2-1). Diogvor won 4-2 on aggregate.

In Craiova: Universitatea Craiova (Romania) 3 Wiener Sportclub/Post (Austria) 1 (1-0). Craiova won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Mladec: Stri Mladec (Poland) 0 Aarhus (Denmark) 1 (0-0). Aarhus won 2-1 on aggregate.

In Dublin: Bohemians (Ireland) 0 Sporting Lisbon (Portugal) 0. Sporting Lisbon won 2-0 on aggregate.

In Ostrava: Banik Ostrava (Czechoslovakia) 6 Odravsky (Turkey) 0 (3-0). Banik won 6-2 on aggregate.

In Belgrade: Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 3 Galatasaray (Turkey) 1. Red Star won 3-1 on aggregate.

In Athens: Piraeus (Greece) 1 N A P O L I (Italy) (1-0). Scores: Olympikos: Karvulia, Attendance: 30,000. Napoli won 2-1 on aggregate.

NZ defeats Bahrain

The touring New Zealand national team atoned for an earlier defeat in Kuwait by beating Bahrain 2-4 in Bahrain last Wednesday.

Goalscorers were John Garweig (52nd minute) and Clive Campbell (70th).

New Zealand started its tour with a 1-3 loss to the Qadisiyah club of Kuwait (half time 1-2).

Clive Campbell opened the scoring for New Zealand in the first minute but Jassim Yacoub equalised 15 minutes later and put Kuwait ahead in the 28th minute.

The third goal was by Abdullah Nawwab in the 72nd minute.

Olympic setback for Israel

Tel Aviv — A superior Spanish team beat Israel's national soccer side 3-0 shattering Israeli hopes to take part in the 1980 Olympic soccer championships in Moscow.

The two teams clashed in group 3 of the European zone of the pre-Olympic tournament. They drew 1-1 in their previous game in Spain in May.

Some 25,000 fans watched the Israeli team crumble after midfielder Victor scored the first goal for Spain in the 33rd minute.

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